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SUBJECT: GENERAL MANDABA LEAVES COUNTRY

REF: BANGUI 499

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT BRIG. GEN. MANDABA, FORMER VICE CHIEF OF STAFF AND NO. 2 IN CAR MILITARY HEIRARCHY, HAS BEEN SENT " ON LONG VACATION" TO BONN, GERMANY. HE DEPARTED MAY 3, REPORTEDLY WITH HIS WIFE. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEPARTURE OR OF ANY REASON FOR IT.

2. COMMENT: MANDABA WAS MENTIONED PUBLICLY BY BOKASSA AS ONE OF THOSE WHOM COUP PLOTTER M' BONGO HAD BEEN TRYING TO INFLUENCE AND/OR DENCOUNCE, BUT HE WAS NOT IMPLICATED BY BOKASSA IN THE " PLOT." HOWEVER, BEING INVOLVED AT ALL IN THE EVENTS WAS PROBABLY ENOUGH TO PLACE HIM UNDER SUSPICION AND HAS LED TO HIS REMOVAL (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL). AND NOW HIS UNDOUBTEDLY ENFORCED " VACATION." THIS PROBABLY COMPLETES THE CHANGES IN THE TOP MILITARY HEIRARCHY THAT BOKASSA OBVIOUSLY FEELS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN HIS POLITICAL POSITION AT PRESENT.

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